

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 13, 2002

IN RE:

**UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION,
INCENTIVE PLAN ACCOUNT (IPA) AUDIT**

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**DOCKET NO.
01-00704**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING,
GRANTING INTERVENTION TO CONSUMER ADVOCATE
AND APPOINTING A PRE-HEARING OFFICER**

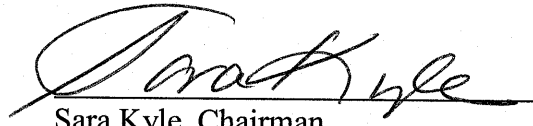
This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 30, 2002, upon the Petition to Intervene ("Petition") filed on April 15, 2002, by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate").

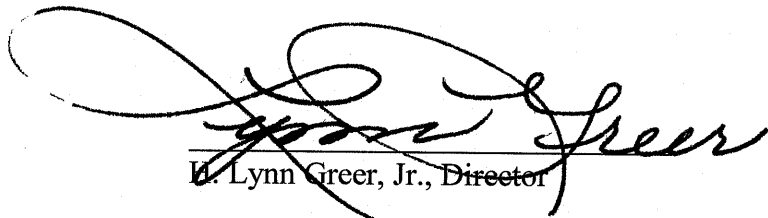
Applying the legal standards for intervention, codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310, the Directors found that the Petition was filed within the proper time period; substantiated that legal interests of the intervenor may be determined in this matter; and demonstrated that the interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this matter would not be impaired by allowing such intervention.

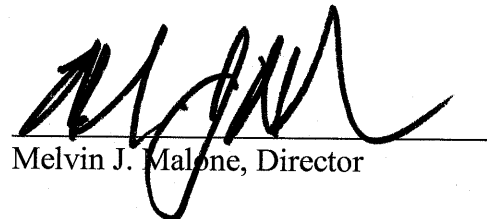
At the above-referenced Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding in this matter, grant the Consumer Advocate's Petition and appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Pre-Hearing Officer to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing, and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

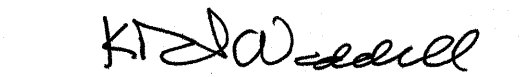
1. A contested case is hereby convened;
2. The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General is hereby given leave to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents herein; and
3. The General counsel or his designee is appointed Pre-Hearing Officer in this matter to set a procedural schedule to completion.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


W. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary